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SUBJECT: GENERAL- Operational/PSYCH/INTEL  
SPECIFIC- Plans of Grand Mufti

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1. As you are aware, the Grand Mufti is frequently busy dreaming up schemes which are designed to improve the position of (a) Islam, (b) the Arabs, or (c) the Grand Mufti. If he is now organizing a "Supreme Council of Islam" it is improbable that he will obtain sufficient support in Syria to make his project effective here. The organization of the "masses" could not be done without the consent and assistance of the government; it is unlikely that the present Syrian government would consent to take directives from any "Council", particularly one located in Egypt.

2. Any information we receive regarding approaches to Islamic leaders here will be forwarded.

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